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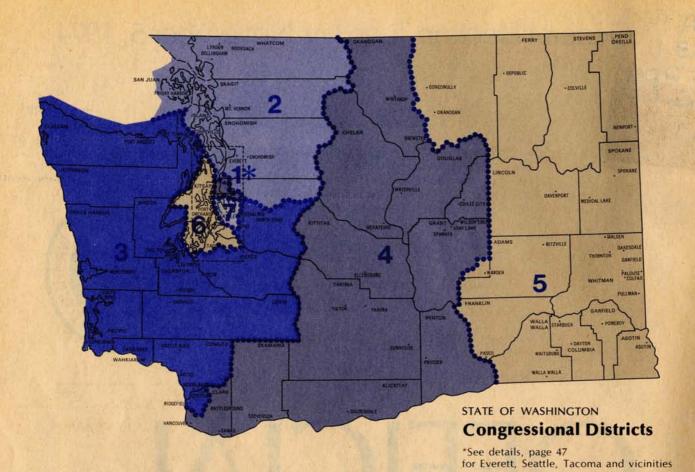
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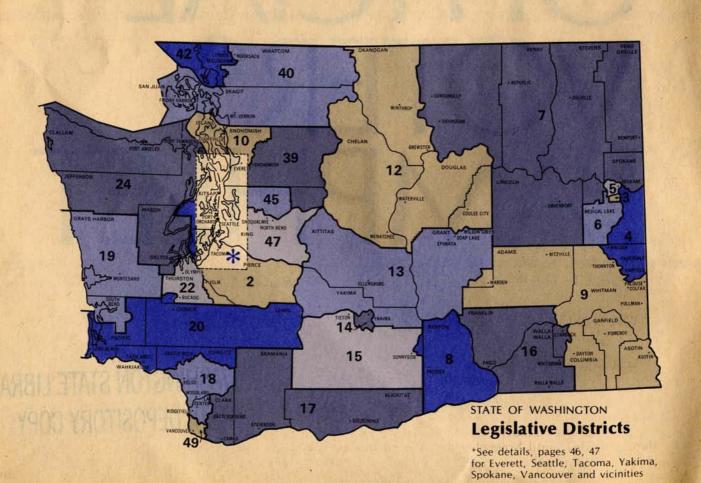
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# Introduction

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Three state measures have been referred to the voters for their approval or rejection at the November 5, 1974, state election. As required by law, a publication containing the official ballot titles, Attorney General's explanations, statements for and against, and rebuttal statements, together with the full text of each of the state measures must be mailed to each place of residence in the state by the Secretary of State prior to the state general election. The official ballot titles and explanatory statements have been prepared by the Attorney General. The statements for and against and the rebuttal statements have been prepared by committees appointed under a procedure established by law. The Secretary of State has no authority to evaluate the truth or accuracy of any of the statements made in the pamphlet or to alter their content in any way.

A Candidates' Pamphlet, containing the statements of most of the candidates nominated for federal, state, and local offices, is combined with this publication into a single pamphlet to reduce the cost of production. The Candidates' Pamphlet begins on Page 15.

### CERTIFICATION

As Secretary of State of the State of Washington, I hereby certify that I have caused the text of each proposed measure, ballot title, explanatory statement, statement for or against, and rebuttal statement which appears in this publication to be compared with the original of such documents on file in my office and I find them to be full, true, and correct copies of such originals.

Witness my hand and the seal of the State of Washington this 1st day of October, 1974.



A. LUDLOW KRAMER Secretary of State

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# **Toll Free Telephone Voters Service**

Again this year, the office of the Secretary of State will provide a toll-free telephone line for election information. Voters from any part of the state may call the toll-free number to obtain answers to questions on voter registration and voting procedures and background information on the statewide ballot measures. A club or organization may obtain names of potential speakers for or against any of the ballot measures.

The toll-free number is 1-800-562-6020. The hours are from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., Monday through Friday, until November 5th. We encourage Washington voters to take advantage of this service.



CHAPTER 152, LAWS OF 1974 (43rd Leg., 3rd Ex. Session)

# **Ballot Title:**

Shall a state lottery be conducted under gambling commission regulations with prizes totalling not less than 45% of gross income?

Vote cast by members of the 1974 Legislature on final passage: HOUSE: [98 members] Yeas, 62; Nays, 33; Absent of not voting, 3. SENATE: [49 members] Yeas, 32; Nays, 16; Absent or not voting, 1.

NOTE: The ballot title and explanatory comment were written by the Attorney General as required by state law. The complete text of Referendum Bill 34 begins on Page 10.

## Statement for

### **Constitution Permits a Lottery**

In 1972, by a vote of 787,251 to 489,282, the citizens of the State of Washington amended the Constitution removing the prohibition against the establishment of a state lottery.

To carry out the wishes of the people, the Legislature has passed measures establishing a lottery only to see them vetoed by the Governor. Referendum Bill No. 34 gives the people the opportunity to speak out and override the Governor's veto, and to create a state lottery.

### **Revenues Will Aid State Finances**

Washington will join many other states in operating a lottery. Under terms of Referendum Bill No. 34, revenues are to be used for prizes (45%), for operation of the lottery (15%) and for the state general fund (40%). The state will receive annually between \$15,000,000 and \$30,000,000 for the general fund from the lottery, under current estimates.

### **Strong Public Support for Lottery**

In recent sessions of the Legislature, every poll taken by a member of the House or Senate which asked for an opinion on a state lottery was overwhelmingly in favor of such an operation. Passage of the legislation creating Referendum Bill No. 34 reflected this support. The vote in the House of Representatives was yeas, 62, nays, 33. In the Senate, the vote was yeas, 32, nays, 16. In approving the Constitutional Amendment in 1972 to permit a lottery, 62 per cent of the voters expressed their approval of such a change.

### Vote "Yes" for a State Lottery

In voting "yes" for Referendum Bill No. 34, you will be providing the opportunity for needed revenue for the state, and a means for raising funds without added taxes.

This will be done in a program operated by the State Gam-

bling Commission and completely guarded as to fairness and public safety.

A "yes" vote will enable the citizens of the State of Washington to enjoy this mild form of gambling, to aid in providing revenues to the State General Fund and to express their preference in the kinds of gambling which they approve.

# Rebuttal of Statement against

Opponents of Referendum 34 argue that approval of a state lottery would open the door for so-called "wide-open" gambling and casino wagering.

If a lottery is wrong for the State of Washington, then those states which already has established lotteries — Illinois, Connecticut, Maine, Maryland, Massachusetts, Michigan, New Jersey, New York, Pennsylvania, Rhode Island and New Hampshire — must have made a mistake. And in none of them has "wide-open" or casino gambling come to pass.

### Committee For Referendum Bill 34:

GORDON HERR, State Senator, Democrat and PAUL CONNER, State Representative, Democrat.